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SUBJECT: TURKS OFFER MORE COMMENTS ON GLOBAL INITIATIVE TO
COMBAT NUCLEAR TERRORISM

REF: A) ANKARA 6036 B) STATE 173436 C) 157733 D)
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11. (SBU) Summary: Turkey provided additional comments on the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GI) Statement of Principles and other documents on October 19. The Turkish delegation will fully participate in the Rabat conference, but does not plan to present an expert-level briefing on October 31. The head of the Turkish delegation will be prepared to invite participants to Turkey for the second GI partners conference. End Summary.

12. (SBU) Ahmet Muhtar Gun, MFA Head of Department for OSCE, Arms Control, and Disarmament, provided us and Russian First Secretary Dmitri Zykov additional GOT comments on the

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Statement of Principles, Terms of Reference, and Explanatory Notes on October 19. We scanned the Turkish mark-up and transmitted it via e-mail to T and ISN/WMD on October 20. The new suggestions appear to be non-substantive. The mark-up we received on October 19 includes the MFA's initial comments, which were conveyed to the Department on September 22 and repeated in ref a.

13. (SBU) In the joint presentation we made with Zykov, we informed Gun that we hoped to have the final draft documents by October 23, and that we would deliver them to him prior to the departure of the Turkish delegation. We shared the draft Rabat agenda contained in ref b, provided as much information as we could about the U.S. and Russian delegations, and again strongly encouraged the Turks to provide at least one expert-level briefing for the October 31 session. Gun, who had initially told us that Turkey would not make an expert presentation, replied that Turkey's delegation would not include a technical expert. He expected the four-member delegation to participate actively in all of the conference events, and stated that Deputy U/S Akgunay would be prepared to invite the partners to hold the second GI meeting in Turkey.

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